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SUMMARY

1. N.V. PHILLIPS, DUTCH PARTNER IN UNIDATA, IN INTERVIEW
PUBLISHED IN NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE, SEPTEMBER 4, 1975, IMPLIED
THAT SIEMENS AND CII WERE NEGOTIATING A NEW COOPERATION AGREEMENT.
SIEMENS HAS CONFIRMED IN STRONG TERMS FACT THAT THEY ARE
NEGOTIATING DEMISE OF UNIDATA. END SUMMARY.

2. ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS NOW BEING HELD BETWEEN SIEMENS AND CII/HONEYWELL BULL WILL DETERMINE THE DISTRIBUTION OF ALL REMAINING UNCLASSIFIED

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ASSESTS OF UNIDATA. PHILLIPS HAS PARTICIPATED IN THESE

NEGOTIATIONS AND WILL RECEIVE A PROPORTIONATE SHARE. PHILLIPS
WITHDRAWAL FROM UNIDATA WILL BE ON SAME BASIS AS OTHER PARTNERS.

- 3. FREBZUNE INDICATED TO SIEMENS DESIRE TO REORGANIZE UNIDATA WITH CII/BULL PARTICIPATION. THIS UNACCEPTABLE TO SIEMENS AND APPARENTLY TO PHILLIPS. SIEMENS CONSIDERS ONLY SOLUTION IS DISSOLUTION OF UNIDATA, WITH DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS. PHILLIPS AGREED, BUT FACES LABOR UNION AND PERSONNEL PROBLEMS AS A RESULT.
- 4. SIEMENS REITERATED IN STRONG TERMS FACT THAT IT HAS NO DESIRE TO ENTER INTO ANY SORT OF COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH CII/BULL BEFORE DISSOLUTION OF UNIDATA FINALIZED. FOLLOWING DEMISE OF UNIDATA, SIEMENS MAY CONSIDER SOME OF CII/BULL PROPOSALS. WHETHER THIS COULD INCLUDE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF BILATERAL CORPORATION OR MERELY EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION/PATENTS, ETC., HAS NOT YET BEEN DECIDED BY SIEMENS DIRECTORATE.
- 5. COMMENT: SIEMENS IS ANXIOUS TO GET OUT OF UNIDATA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO IT CAN PURSUE OTHER BUSINESS OFFERS. IT WOULD STILL LIKE TO ARRANGE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH UNIVAC; IT WOULD CONSIDER HONEYWELL/BULL IF SOME SORT OF DEAL WITH UNIVAC NOT POSSIBLE. WHILE SIEMENS REAPED LARGEST HARVEST FROM UNIDATA OF THE THREE PARTNERS, IT FEELS IT WAS BURNED IN EARLIER DEAL WITH RCA. ONE SHOULD EXPECT SIEMENS TO TEST WATER CAREFULLY BEFORE IT BECOMES INVOLVED WITH ANOTHER PARTNER IN THE MEDIUM TO LARGE SIZE COMPUTER FIELD. SPIVACK

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